

Southborough May 7. 1778

The Committee appointed to consider the form of Government having attended that Service, beg leave to report, viz.

That altho. the form and Constitution, is, in general in our opinion, unexceptionable; yet being under the disagreeable necessity, to accept or reject the whole, we are constrained to the latter, for the following reasons.

First the Constitution is not preceded by a Bill of Rights where by the power of the assembly is not circumscribed, and they are left at Liberty to alter or repeal <sup>at pleasure</sup> those very Laws which are a principal part of the Constitution and thereby sap its very foundation

Secondly. The mode of Choosing Senators appears highly exceptionable as being tedious, subject to great Corruption, and out of the power of the people in general, to make a wise and judicious Election which measure we imagine to be of great importance and ought to be well attended to, lest we loose the seeds of arbitrary power and be not able to pluck them up again

By ord.<sup>or</sup> of the Committee James Parker Chairman



Report of the Committee  
on the form of government